

## USING SENTENCE COMBINING ACTIVITIES

Sentence combining activities may be used as measures of comprehension following an audio-tape, worksheet lesson. However, the exercises may serve best for rehearsal or practice exercises after the usual comprehension exercises have been completed.

**Exercise:** Combine the following short sentences into one longer sentence and then combine all of the sentences into one paragraph.

### TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT

Ben Franklin was a printer. \_\_\_\_\_

He began his own printing business. \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin was 24 when he started it. \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin Franklin was married. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben was married when he was 26. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben Franklin married Deborah Read. \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin Franklin retired from business. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben retired when he was 40 years old. \_\_\_\_\_

When Benjamin was 40 he was wealthy. \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin Franklin retired. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben worked after he retired. \_\_\_\_\_

After retirement he did scientific work. \_\_\_\_\_

After retirement he did public work. \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin Franklin was a famous man. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben is called the "first American." \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin had many fine qualities. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben put God before himself. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben put his country before himself. \_\_\_\_\_

Using Sentence combining exercises allows teachers to provide activities that reverse the study of grammar (transformational). Rather than study the deep structure that underlies or supports the kernel string, the deep structure is identified and students are allowed to construct the kernel string. The words presented may be given to the students for them to use to make more exacting kernel sentences.

## USEFUL WORDS FOR SENTENCE COMBINING

### Words for Additional Ideas:

and	furthermore	who	which
moreover	similarly	whose	that
likewise	also	whom	

### Words for Contrasting Ideas:

but	though	even though	otherwise
however	yet	whereas	instead
nevertheless	even so	on the other hand	
although	still	on the contrary	

### Words for Causes and Results:

so	therefore	since	consequently
because	for	as a result	thus

### Words for Time:

earlier	subsequently	immediately	finally
previously	beforehand	now	
later	meanwhile	thereafter	
afterwards	at once	then	

### Words for Giving Specific Information:

in fact	indeed
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### Words for Choices:

either	neither	or	nor
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### Words for Conditions:

if	unless	as though
as if	provided	as long as

### Words for Purposes:

to	so that	in order that	for
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### Words for Places:

where	wherever
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